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Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445-12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Panora Communications Cooperative and Prairie Telephone Co., Inc. Application for Waiver of Part 36 Study Area Boundary Freeze CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Panora Communications Cooperative (PCC) is undertaking a project to upgrade its rural central Iowa exchange service area to provide fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) service to all of its approximately 1,900 customers.

A critical element of PCC's broadband upgrade involves the acquisition by PCC from its neighbor Prairie Telephone Co., Inc. (Prairie), a 2.1 square mile, 34-customer area located in a private residential development on the north side of Lake Panorama. PCC would utilize this area to construct redundant fiber routes that will improve the reliability of its broadband services. It will also be able to bring high-speed broadband service over FTTH facilities to the 34 customers in the area.

On July 15, 2009, PCC and Prairie applied for a study area waiver in order to transfer the 2.1-square mile area. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a Public Notice regarding this waiver request on August 10, 2009 (DA 09-1780), and set a comment date for September 9, 2009, and a reply comment date for September 24, 2009.

Receipt of this study area waiver will enable PCC to proceed efficiently with its proposed FTTH upgrade. Any assistance you could provide to ensure its timely review and resolution so that PCC can have some certainty on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to your timely response to this letter and appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senator

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October 29, 2009

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

Thank you for your August 18, 2009 letter regarding a petition filed by Panora Communications Cooperative and Prairie Telephone Company, Inc. The companies request that the Commission waive the definition of "study area" to allow them to remove 35 access lines from Prairie's Iowa study area and include those access lines in Panora's Iowa study area.

The Commission received the petition on July 23, 2009, and, as you note in your letter, the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau placed the petition on Public Notice for comment. The comment cycle closed on September 24, 2009. The Bureau will make every effort to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Julius Genachowski", is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends across the page.

Julius Genachowski  
Chairman